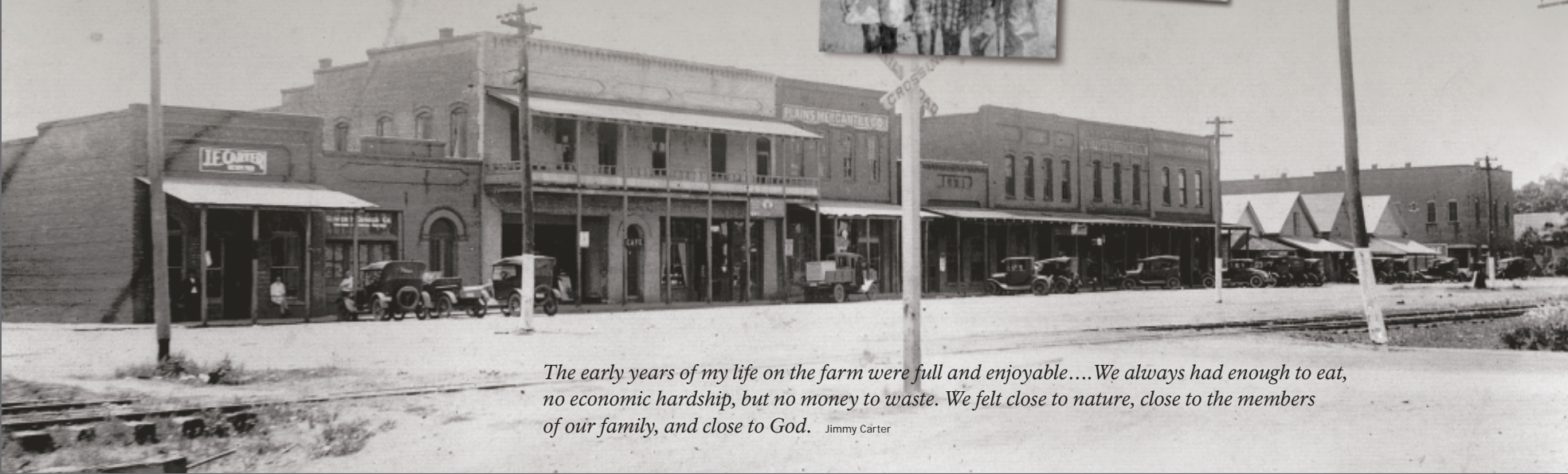


Rooted in Rural Georgia

From raising peanuts to resolving international conflicts, Jimmy Carter's guiding philosophy is deeply rooted in the rural farming community of Plains, Georgia. As a boy, he learned from his parents and a favorite teacher the value of hard work, education, and a life dedicated to community service.

These principles, plus strong religious beliefs, continue to guide Carter's daily life and humanitarian endeavors. In citing his "mother's quiet service to others, regardless of their race or social position," the 39th president could well have been characterizing his own life.

Growing up in Plains during the Depression, Jimmy Carter lived in a wooden clapboard house and worked on the family farm. Carter is shown (right) with his mother, Lillian, and sister, Ruth; at age 13; and at his U.S. Naval Academy graduation with his fiancée, Rosalynn Smith, and mother.



The early years of my life on the farm were full and enjoyable....We always had enough to eat, no economic hardship, but no money to waste. We felt close to nature, close to the members of our family, and close to God.

Jimmy Carter